



# **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

## **MEETING MINUTES**

**LOS ANGELES REGIONAL  
INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM AUTHORITY**

Thursday, June 3, 2021 • 9:00 a.m.  
**Conducted via Microsoft Teams Meeting\***

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**Board Members Present:**

**Daryl Osby**, Vice-Chair, Fire Chief, County of Los Angeles Fire Dept.  
**Cathy Chidester**, Dir., EMS Agency, County of LADHS  
**Brian Solinsky**, Interim Police Chief, City of South Pasadena Police Dept.  
**Mark Alexander**, City Manager, CA Contract Cities Assoc.  
**David Povero**, Chief, City of Covina Police Dept.

**Alternates For Board Members Present:**

**John Geiger**, General Manager, County of Los Angeles  
**Eli Vera**, Chief, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Dept.  
**Ed Ridens**, Deputy Chief, City of Inglewood Police Dept.

**Officers Present:**

**Scott Edson**, LA-RICS Executive Director  
**Priscilla Dalrymple**, LA-RICS Board Secretary

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**Absent:**

**Chris Nunley**, Chief of Police, City of Signal Hill Police Dept.  
**Vacant Seat**, The Los Angeles Area Fire Chiefs Association



**NOTE: ACTION MAY BE TAKEN ON ANY ITEM IDENTIFIED ON THE AGENDA**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Alternate Chair, Eli Vera, called the Board meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

**II. ANNOUNCE QUORUM – Roll Call**

Alternate Chair Vera stated on behalf of the JPA Board he wanted to extend his deepest condolences to the Fire Chief Daryl Osby and to the entire Los Angeles County Fire Department family during this difficult time for the loss of a firefighter.

Alternate Chair Vera asked for a roll call and acknowledged a quorum was present.

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (A)**

**A. May 6, 2021 – Minutes**

Alternate Chair Vera asked if there were any questions or comments from the Board.

Board Member Cathy Chidester motioned first, seconded by Board Member Mark Alexander.

Ayes 8: Alexander, Chidester, Geiger, Osby, Povero, Ridens, Solinsky and Vera.

**MOTION APPROVED.**

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**V. CONSENT CALENDAR – NONE**

**VI. REPORTS (B-E)**

**B. Director's Report – Scott Edson**

**LTE 2 Update**

Executive Director Scott Edson stated he is starting his report with a heavy heart as all were saddened by the death of our public safety partner yesterday, and the injuring of another. Both being LA County Fire Department firefighters, this hits far too close to home and was nothing less than shocking. Executive Director Edson informed Fire Chief Osby that the team was saddened by Fire Department's loss. As should be done every day, Director Edson asked all on the call to keep the public safety professionals



in their thoughts and prayers, and conveyed a special thanks to those that have lost their lives protecting us. Thank you.

Executive Director Edson stated regarding the Public Safety Broadband and LTE 2, immediately following the Board's approval of the amendment to our Business Agreement with AT&T last month, LA-RICS received \$3M payment for our transfer of interest/share in the LTE Round 2 sites. The team continues to work with AT&T for coordination of pickup of equipment being transferred to them under this agreement, and would like to thank at this time, our partners at Los Angeles County Department of Health Services, Director Chidester, Los Angeles County Fire, Fire Chief Osby and the Los Angeles County Sheriff, represented here with Chief Vera; for providing us with storage space for all LTE components/equipment over the years at no cost. Our goal is for AT&T to complete taking possession of this LTE 2 equipment by the close of summer. Project Director Odenthal will provide additional details under Agenda Item F.

#### **LMR Update**

Executive Director Edson stated he was moving on to the Land Mobile Radio, addressing the frequencies in particular, as has been reported to the Board the status and impacts of interference issues on the County of Los Angeles frequencies upon which the LA-RICS system is built – with Board Member Fronterotta requesting additional information regarding cost impact this interference has caused to date. The team continues to work closely with the spectrum manager, the county Internal Services Department, and believe more testing is needed. Regular meetings are scheduled and the ISD has been very supportive. The team included a standing discussion item at LA-RICS Finance Committee meetings to address ongoing cost impacts and will provide an overview of the same along with the technical update under Agenda Item G.

#### **Coastal Update**

As for the coastal sites, Executive Director Edson stated he is happy to report the final coastal development permit application was signed for submission on Friday May 28, 2021, for site Top Relay and is now pending MSI submission to Regional Planning. There was some delay in finalizing this permit application but after significant quality control actions by the authority of the application narrative and content, MSI is finally ready to submit the application to Regional Planning.

Executive Director Edson stated at the last Board meeting it was reported the team received building permit for Fire Station 72. While the team awaited construction start date confirmation from MSI, the pre-construction outreach to residents within the 500' buffer zone was performed the week of May 24, 2021. However, the team is unable to



confirm a construction start date at this time as MSI is still working on scheduling construction start. The team is applying pressure to MSI to ensure no delay to start of construction beyond mid-June, as there is really no acceptable excuse for the delay.

As for the three Catalina sites, in-shelter work is concluded at BJM, and now joins Tower and Dakin with no construction work occurring pending conclusion of the fox pupping season. In anticipation of July 1st construction start at all 3 Catalina sites, the team holds regular calls with the Catalina Conservancy to ensure seamless coordination for all logistics and requirements prior to construction start. The team continues to require Motorola be fully deployed July 1st and provide a recovery schedule to address the time lost for their stand down of work at the Catalina sites, however, the team continues to experience significant issues with Motorola adhering to the contract terms.

Deputy Program Manager Tanya Roth will provide your Board will additional details relating Catalina and other coastal sites under Agenda Item H.

### **Grants Update**

Regarding Grants, Executive Director Edson stated he is happy to report the final invoice falling under the UASI 18 site was processed this week with our final claim submission submitted today to close out the UASI 18 grant. The team had to make a final modification on the grant spending plan to accommodate two sites where MSI could not complete work even by the triple extended deadline provided. Communications continue with FEMA, Cal OES and the Mayor's office representatives, and they are eagerly awaiting, along with us, an integrated master schedule confirming when system acceptance will be achieved. The team met with MSI legal team the week of May 17, 2021, and met with MSI throughout the week of May 24, 2021, to lay the foundation for the IMS consensus. Motorola continues to delay IMS discussions, with the latest delay due to their project director and scheduler vacation. The team have required IMS discussions continue while scheduler returns from vacation and have issued written correspondence confirming their continued Default pending submission of a schedule. As the UASI 18 grant closes, there is some ongoing work under the UASI 19 grant and Justin Delfino will provide additional details on LMR build under his project manager's report.

While the team works toward a consensus IMS, one of the top questions the team receives from agencies eager to onboard the LA-RICS system is when will the system go live. They have radio and equipment purchase on hold pending that confirmation. The team impressed this upon Motorola citing how it is in their best interest to finish the program quickly to not only mitigate their costs but also to showcase the system they signed up to build. Lt. Sven Crongeyer will provide your Board with additional



details regarding the Outreach teams’ efforts over this past month under Agenda Item I.

One final item related to the LMR system, your Board delegated Authority for Director’s execution of Unilateral amendments up to \$100K to keep the project moving. Executive Director Edson reported to the Board the following unilateral amendment that was executed under that delegation since our last Board meeting, totaling \$39,866. The Unilateral Amendment No. 1 was executed on May 19, 2021, and contained the following work:

Item No.	Site ID	Site Name	Authority's Unilateral COR No. in Prolog	Previous RFQ No. or MSI Change Order No.	Description	Method of Compensation for Changes in the Work	Amount
1.	DPK	Dakin Peak	DPK COR 002 Unilateral	LMR-COR 7047	Utility Power Work	Method A	\$10,676
2.	FRP	Frost Peak	FRP COR 001 Unilateral	LMR-COR 7039	Utility Power Work	Method A	\$10,676
3.	MIR	Mirador	MIR COR 007 Unilateral	RFQ LMR-0046	Existing Tower Removal	Method A	\$10,136
4.	MTL2	Mount Lukens 2	MTL2 COR 006 Unilateral	LMR-COR 7040	Utility Power Work	Method A	\$8,378
<b>TOTAL UNILATERAL AMOUNT:</b>							<b>\$39,866</b>

Director Edson reported before the Board is a Unilateral Amendment No. 2, which exceeds the limits given under his delegation, for work performed at Rancho Palos Verdes site to remove concrete debris for a total amount of \$257,862. Contracts manager Jeanette Arismendez will provide additional detail under Agenda Item M.

Regarding the Budget, as the team wraps up a challenging FY 20-21, with successful payment by AT&T under our Business Agreement for transfer of LTE Round 2 assets, and the award of the UASI 19 grant, before the Board is FY 21-22 Recommended Budget for the Board’s consideration. The Recommended budget continues to adhere to the parameters of the adopted Funding Plan with one notable change to this proposed budget, that being only one grant fund source listed which is UASI. With the successful closeout of the BTOP grant, project work completed and all grant claims reimbursed by the federal grantor, the budget only reflects one grant fund source and that is the UASI grant. Susy Orellana-Curtiss will present the budget under Agenda Item K and address any questions you may have at that time.

In response to a request by MSI, under Agenda Item L, the team is seeking Board authorization to negotiate, enter into, and execute an escrow agreement with Motorola for the Holdback funds incurred. The team is pending approval from the federal grantor that these funds tied to the Holdback can be drawn down from the grant and deposited



in escrow. Susy Orellana-Curtiss and Counsel Moore will present the item and address any questions you may have.

Director Edson presented the final business item, and referred the Board to Agenda Item J, which provides an opportunity to discuss the upcoming elections of the LA-RICS Chair and Vice-Chair, as required by the by-laws.

On a special note, Executive Director Edson stated he would like to take this opportunity to thank the Board Secretary, Priscilla Dalrymple for the years of service she has provided to the LA-RICS project and to the Board. Mrs. Dalrymple has received an offer of promotion from the County of Los Angeles and will be leaving our project this month. The team will miss her terribly but know she has a promising future ahead of her especially after serving on this project. The Board agenda will be sure to include election of the board secretary along with the Chair / Vice-Chair elections, at the July meeting. Thank you very much Priscilla, for your outstanding service.

Executive Director Edson thanked the Chair and Board members and concluded his report.

There was no further discussion.

### C. Project Manager's Report – Justin Delfino

#### **LMR PROGRAM CONSTRUCTION OVERVIEW**

Program Manager Delfino provided an update on the construction overview and shared some recent successes on the LMR Program.

Mr. Delfino shared an LMR Network diagram (map) which is a visual to show where all of the network connections take place as well as the redundant connections take place. The underlay is the site locations in the network and they are color coded to show where the team is getting the work done and where the remaining work exists. Program Manager Delfino stated the Phase 2 sites are in blue, red are the sites are under construction, yellow are the sites completed and optimized by MSI.

#### **Open and Active Sites:**

Program Manager Delfino stated Director Edson mentioned there were two sites that were outstanding from UASI 18, those sites are PRG and LPC. The issues that complicated completion stem primarily from the electrical utility provider Southern California Edison (SCE), and their lack of understanding about how to gain authorization to place their equipment and run their conduit on US Forest Service lands. SCE was under the impression that they needed to perform their own NEPA



review for environmental and later learned that they could use the existing special use permit held by LA-RICS, which allows for installation of SCE equipment. Customer commitment dates from SCE indicate that normal electrical power will be on at the end of this month.

Program Manager Delfino stated the following UASI 19 Active sites are BUR1, PMT, RPVT, GRM, MTL2, UNIV, BJM, and FRP. All have towers have been erected with one exception of one site, BJM, which is due to fox pupping season on the Island. BJM tower is planned to start installation the first week of July 2021. Power at MDI, MML, and WTR forecasted for installation in August 2021. There are seven (7) sites remaining to start; TWR, DPK, ESR, LACF072, SPH, TOP-Relay and SPN. Build-out is approximately 82% complete overall. Total sites remain at 58 sites.

**Notable April/May successes on the LMR Program:**

Program Manager Delfino stated ISSI connection to ICI was successfully tested at P.O.C. MIR site in Pasadena.

MSI coordinating work for Catalina is ongoing, and had made progress in this period. Default / stand down was the primary issue in the last month at the Catalina sites and MSI is showing signs that it fully intends to build all three sites per the Agreement.

Program Manager Delfino was also happy to report there are improvements to the working relationship with SCE Program Manager, Delfino stated one of the requirements of building in the forest is environmental monitoring and instead of SCE hiring their own environmental monitoring services, the LA-RICS Team stepped-up and did the monitoring services in order to keep the scheduled work moving quickly. Program Manager Delfino reported there are zero recordable injuries to date.

**SAA's:**

All site access agreements are complete.

**Open Issues Unresolved:**

Program Manager Delfino stated Interference issues still exist on the program and that has lead MSI to propose a phased acceptance per sub-system, in lieu of a singular turnover as previously planned. The team is still digesting how it will impact the acceptance time and warranty, etc.

The IMS is still being submitted as "Information Only" with the latest submission dated May 11, 2021, and still showing an end date of February 2023. The team is still meeting with the Surety to discuss various default issues. Additionally, a large number of



disputes exist over contract language, which has impacted change order processing. The Board has heard the term “unilateral amendments” which is essentially one contract remedy for instances where we cannot mutually agree to a proposed change orders / contract language application.

Program Manager Delfino provided updates and shared site photos of what the team has been working on as stated below:

**FRP**

Program Manager Delfino shared a photo of FRP – Frost Peak and stated the site overcame manufacturer defects on tower and the contractor had some re-work to perform to get the tower correctly installed, in addition, workspace management has been a particular focus of this site. MSI managed to stay within the site boundaries during tower and concrete delivery, which is a base requirement; however, a notable improvement on an issue that MSI has struggled with in the past.

This concludes the Project Manager’s Report.

There was no further discussion.

- D. Joint Operations and Technical Committee Chairs Report – No Report
- E. Finance Committee Chair Report – John Geiger

Alternate Board Member John Geiger stated the Finance Committee convened on May 20, 2021, for what effectively has become its regular bi-annual meeting. The last meeting was on August 20, 2020, stating the Finance Committee meets whenever there are action items brought before the committee and a traditional action item for consideration is the proposed operating budget for the upcoming fiscal year. Alternate Board Member Geiger stated on May 20, 2021, the Committee unanimously recommended adoption of the fiscal year 2021-2022 proposed operating budget, which will be before the Board shortly on this Agenda as Item K. Additionally, the Finance Committee approved a schedule for monthly meetings for the remainder of 2021, with the schedule subject to JPA business needs and weather action items are brought to the committee for public hearing. Alternate Board Member Geiger delegated the rest of his time to the Administrative Deputy to address further discussion on the proposed budget as Item K.

This concludes the Finance Committee Report.

There was no further discussion.



## VII. DISCUSSION ITEMS (F-J)

### F. PSBN Round 2 Implementation and Construction Update – Chris Odenthal

Program Director Chris Odenthal stated he will start with sites 21 through 26 where all sites with the exception of POM2 have construction complete. POLB1 is not included (LA-RICS will not be performing as part of Round 2 scope).

Additionally, POM2 is the only site under construction, it restarted construction last night after asbestos and lead based paint was mitigated with work concluding there done by the end of this month.

Program Director Odenthal stated all sites 21 through 26 are awaiting final power delivery by SCE or LADWP and expecting the redesign for Magic Mountain link to be received in the next ten days.

Program Director Odenthal stated MNTBLPD has been cleared and the meter release is with SCE for meter set date. At site POLA1 and POLA2 both have their unique power solutions. As for POLA1, the team is waiting for LADWP to complete its construction work to install conduit and conductor. Once complete, the site will be powered up and turned over to AT&T. As for POLA2 a little more complicated based on transport easement from AT&T. The team is working with them to help progress through the Port of Los Angeles in order to be granted that easement.

Lastly, Program Director Odenthal stated as for sites 1 through 20 there are some sites that are outstanding with AT&T. The team has a site called Cougar, which is in Covina and the team is trying to help AT&T secure an easement for transport. Additionally, the team has some sites that are pending being provided with power and those sites are mainly forest sites, which are projected to have power by end of June and then transferred to AT&T. The last site is SCESTUD that needs a Cal Trans permit, confirming that work is planned, the permit has been received with work projected to be completed by the end of June 2021. This is all SCE work and or AT&T transport work and LA-RICS has no responsibility over that scope of work. This concludes the update.

There was no further discussion.

### G. Frequency and Licensing Issues Impacting Land Mobile Radio Deployment – Ted Pao

LA-RICS Lead Engineer Ted Pao stated as reported last month LA-RICS received Spectrum Fingerprinting and Noise Floor Monitoring Report as part of Amendment 40 scope of work with Motorola. The reports are showing some sites are suffering from external interference that have affected the in-bound coverage. The report and



coverage map were shared with the County on April 28, 2021, so the County ISD can make an independent determination on the interference issue. A meeting was held with MSI and TX RX (subcontractor whom conducted these reports) and ISD to answer technical questions. The team is still awaiting ISD to report their findings.

As for the UHF T-band license update, in conjunction with MSI and ISD, where needed and possible some technical parameters were updated to our UHF application to mitigate co-channel and adjacent channel interference contour issues. Other administrative filings associated with these applications have been updated and resolved. The applications are in the pipeline to be resubmitted back to the FCC.

Administrative Deputy Susy Orellana-Curtiss stated a Board Member requested information relating to any fiscal impact associated with the interference issues that the program has been experiencing to date. Ms. Orellana-Curtiss reminded the Board staff has presented several change orders to the Board ranging from mitigation measures to address the Channel 15 and 16 interferences as well as change orders where we've created new simulcast cells to save on our UHF/DTVRS frequencies, as well as cost associated with reprogramming certain equipment as a result of interference mitigation measures. Administrative Deputy Orellana-Curtiss stated the team will continue to present these items to the Board for their consideration and will identify a fund source required to move forward with any recommended action or change order to specifically address interference issues. In addition, the team will provide updates and reports as well as fiscal impacts.

Alternate Board Member Geiger stated, as Chair of the Finance Committee and counsel to ISD he appreciates the transparency on the private third party contractual expenses and would point out those are not mutually exclusive to the other direct costs that have been incurred and will be reflected on DSO's amongst the public stakeholders. Administrative Deputy Orellana-Curtiss stated that is correct and clarified the change orders presented for Board consideration do not contain the staff hours / engineering hours related to analysis and studies as well as preparation of reports relating to the interference, those expenses are not contemplated in those change orders but the team is keeping track of those expenses as well.

There was no further discussion.

**H. Update on Coastal Commission Sites in the Land Mobile Radio System – Tanya Roth**

Deputy Program Manager Tanya Roth stated this discussion item has evolved over the past year as items have progressed through the Coastal Development Permitting process for the LMR program.



The purpose of this discussion item is to provide an update on key milestones for the Land Mobile Radio (LMR) System sites within the Coastal Zone. In today's report, Ms. Roth will touch on three sites:

- Fire Station 72: With the completion of the pre-construction outreach by the authority on Tuesday, May 25, 2021. All permitting and required activities for construction are complete now awaiting MSI for a confirmed construction start date.
- RELAY: Following an exhaustive review triggering corrections to the Coastal Development Permit (CDP) Application package, the authority approved MSI's CDP application package for submission to Department of Regional Planning (DRP) last Friday, May 28, 2021. Prior to COVID, submittal appointments were in-person with joint representation from the Authority and MSI. At those meetings, submittal packages were presented section by section to DRP staff and discussion ensued with the group in attendance to address any concerns of items needing clarification or correction. Due to the Pandemic, that process is no longer available and submittals are now to be made via DRP's online Portal. MSI's forecast date of online submittal for the RELAY CDP package is Monday, June 7, 2021. Once DRP staff deem the application package complete, the public hearing process will commence.
- MCI: The unexpected opportunity to take advantage of an existing 70' lattice tower in allocation area the team would otherwise be limited to 18.' The project team's due diligence for the potential swap for MCI in place of Saddle Peak (SPN) is progressing well on the landowner side. Letters of Intent (LOI) from the site owner have been received outlining the terms and conditions under which the site owner would be interested to enter into a Site Access Agreement with LA-RICS along with a sublease arrangement with Los Angeles County Sheriff. Staff from both agencies are reviewing the LOIs for feasibility to proceed.

Deputy Program Manager Tanya Roth stated with the LOIs in hand coupled with the confirmation from the California Coastal Commission that an application to co-locate on the existing tower would be processed administratively thereby significantly reducing the time required for coastal permitting. MCI is quickly appearing to be a strong solution for coverage in the Malibu area. This concludes the update.

There was no further discussion.

#### I. Outreach Update – Lieutenant Sven Crongeyer

Lieutenant Crongeyer stated a detailed outreach summary document for the month of May is included in the agenda packet for the Board's review and information. This last



month the team spoke with representatives from Claremont Police Department to discuss radio code plug programming and dispatch console testing. The team met with the radio coordinator for the City of Lancaster to discuss their communications needs including their desire for continued interoperability with the Sheriff's Department. The Los Angeles County Office of Emergency Management is in talks with LA-RICS to discuss their needs and possible future onboarding. The team met with radio engineers from the State of California (CRIS radio systems) they are interested in possibility of connecting their core to the LA-RICS core for interoperability purposes. Lastly, the team has compiled a list of Sheriff's Department contract cities that currently use the Sheriff's Department legacy radio system and will be conducting outreach to those cities this month.

This concludes the update.

There was no further discussion.

#### J. Election of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson

Executive Director Edson stated the purpose of this discussion item is to notify the Board that at the July 8, 2021, Board Meeting, an item will be calendared to allow the Board to elect a Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson from among the Directors. With the recent appointments and retirements of Board Directors, it would be good to hold the election at the beginning of the new fiscal year 2021-2022. The Board may continue to elect the current Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson, or consider other Board members. This discussion item is provided to allow the Board an opportunity to address any questions regarding elections.

Alternate Chair Eli Vera stated the Sheriff is very supportive of the program and would like to continue on as the Chair.

Board Member Alexander stated he does not have any objection to and understanding the Sheriff is extremely busy and is not available to attend all of these Board meetings on a regular basis that if we elect the Sheriff again that we be familiar with who the alternate will be. The same for the Fire Chief, Board Member Alexander stated it was nice to have the Fire Chief Osby in attendance today however understands he cannot always be with us.

Alternate Chair Eli Vera stated on behalf of the Sheriff he confirmed he would continue to serve as the Alternate.

Alternate Board Member Geiger stated on the behalf of the CEO he is in support of the status quo and stated he is appreciative of the fine commitment by the Fire and Sheriff for this worthy project.



There was no further discussion.

**VIII. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS (K-L)**

**K. APPROVE THE FISCAL-YEAR 2021-22 PROPOSED LOS ANGELES REGIONAL INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM AUTHORITY OPERATING BUDGET**

Administrative Deputy Orellana-Curtiss presented Agenda Item K, which is to approve the Fiscal-Year 2021-22 proposed budget. As Finance Committee Chair Geiger reported, the Finance Committee met on May 20, 2021, and voted unanimously to recommend adoption of the budget. Additionally, to add a few points: All line items in addition the grant expenditures are in accordance with the adopted funding plan. Additionally, as reported by Director Edson, the only significant change in this 21-22 budget is the absence of the BTOP grant. The grant-funded expenditures of \$40M are funded under UASI grants, and Member Funded Joint Power Authority (JPA) Operations as well as member-funded Administrative cost all which will be funded under Business Agreement revenue funds received through our agreement with AT&T. Administrative Deputy Orellana-Curtiss asked if the Board had any questions.

Alternate Chair Vera asked if there were any questions or comments from the Board.

Alternate Board Member John Geiger motioned first, seconded by Board Member David Povero.

Ayes 8: Alexander, Chidester, Geiger, Osby, Povero, Ridens, Solinsky and Vera.

**MOTION APPROVED.**

**L. AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO AN ESCROW AGREEMENT FOR HOLDBACK RETENTION UNDER AGREEMENT NO. LA-RICS 007**

Counsel Truc Moore presented Agenda Item L, which is to Authorize the Executive Director to enter into an escrow agreement, and recommended the Board take the following actions:

1. Authorize the Executive Director to negotiate, enter into and execute an Escrow Agreement, substantially similar in form to the enclosed Escrow Agreement that is attached to the Board letter. The escrow account reflects the boilerplate set forth in state law that allow the Executive Director to transfer funds to the escrow



account. This authorization, if you vote on it today, would be contingent on approval by the Federal grantor to move these funds to the escrow account. (Enclosure)

2. Delegate authority to the Executive Director to approve and execute amendments to the Escrow Agreement, as needed, for changes provided that any such amendments are approved as to form by Counsel to the Authority.

Counsel Moore stated the reason for bringing forth these recommendations is the LMR contract with MSI also follows state law, which allows the contractor to elect for the retention of funds to be held in an escrow account in lieu of the Authority / Federal grantor holding those retentions. Public Works construction contracts generally will hold some portion of retention to ensure completion of the project. On this contract, the total retention is 10% with total retention accrued to date totaling approximately \$9.974 million, out of the total retention which is \$14,114,356.

Alternate Board Member Geiger asked for clarification whether MSI has the right under state law and under our contract to seek the establishment of this escrow account. Counsel Moore stated that is correct.

Alternate Chair Vera asked if there were any questions or comments from the Board.

Alternate Board Member John Geiger motioned first, seconded by Board Member Mark Alexander.

Ayes 8: Alexander, Chidester, Geiger, Osby, Povero, Ridens, Solinsky and Vera.

**MOTION APPROVED.**

**M. APPROVE AMENDMENT NO. 61 – UNILATERAL AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO AGREEMENT NO. LA-RICS 007 FOR LOS ANGELES REGIONAL INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM LAND MOBILE RADIO SYSTEM**

1. Contracts Manager Jeanette Arismendez presented Agenda Item M, which is Amendment No. 61 – Unilateral Amendment No. 2, and recommended the Board make those certain CEQA findings as stipulated in the Board letter, seeking the Board's approval to authorize the Executive Director to enter into Amendment No. 61, which is Unilateral Amendment No. 2 with MSI for change order at the RPVT site. Contracts Manager Arismendez informed the Board that the work at the RPVT site was associated the remediation of an excessive amount of buried concrete discovered at the site that was unknown prior to construction whereby contractor was required to excavate, remove concrete, dispose of the debris as well as backfill the excavation site with suitable materials. The cost for this change order totals \$257,862. Additionally, Board's approval was sought to allow for the issuance of



one of more Notices to Proceed as well as to delegate authority to the Executive Director to execute Unilateral Amendment No. 2, in substantially similar form, to the Amendment enclosed with the Board letter.

One additional approval sought from the Board is if the parties are able to reach consensus on the price of the work the recommended actions as stated in 1-5 would apply but staff would only execute Amendment No. 61 as opposed to Unilateral Amendment no. 2.

Board Member Alexander asked who the owner of the property is? Project Director Chris Odenthal responded to the inquiry stating the County of Los Angeles owns the property and explained the site is managed by American Golf. Board Member Alexander asked do we know what the site was previously used for, to which Chris Odenthal responded the golf course has been there for an extended period of time. Board Member Alexander asked what the source of the concrete that needed to be removed was? Chris Odenthal stated the source of the concrete appeared to be old golf cart paths.

Alternate Chair Vera asked if there were any additional questions or comments from the Board.

Alternate Board Member John Geiger motioned first, seconded by Board Member Cathy Chidester.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Ayes 7: Chidester, Geiger, Osby, Povero, Ridens, Solinsky and Vera.

Noes 1: Alexander

**MOTION APPROVED.**

**IX. MISCELLANEOUS – NONE**

**X. ITEMS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION BY THE BOARD**

Board Member Alexander asked if the Board can include a discussion item to address resuming in-person Board meetings. Alternate Chair Vera stated yes, we can include a discussion item to address meeting in-person.

**XI. CLOSED SESSION REPORT**

The Board entered into Closed Session at 9:49 a.m.



1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL –Anticipated Litigation (subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9) (1 case).

The Board returned from Closed Session at 10:25 a.m., Counsel Saldana stated the Board is now back in open session and the Brown Act does not require a report.

## **XII. ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING:**

Fire Chief Osby assumed Chairing the meeting upon Alternate Board Member Vera's departure and called for a motion to adjourn, Board Member Mark Alexander stated before we adjourn he wants to express his appreciation as well as the Board's appreciation to Priscilla for all the years of service she has given to LA-RICS and to the Board. Board Member Alexander offered his congratulations on her promotion, sad to see her leave LA-RICS but certainly wants to congratulate her. Fire Chief Osby also expressed his congratulations to Priscilla on her promotion and best wishes on her endeavors, the Board appreciates all of your contributions to the JPA Board, and thanked Ms. Dalrymple for that. Board Secretary Dalrymple thanked the Fire Chief and Mark Alexander.

Alternate Board Member Geiger motioned first, seconded by Board Member Povero; the Board meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m., and the next meeting will be held on Thursday, July, 8, 2021, at 9:00 a.m., via Microsoft Teams / Teleconference Meeting.